

Summary

The transcript covers a discussion among several participants. Topics revolve around one member's concerns about not contributing enough money when the group meets at a Unitarian church, the minister's behavior and opinions, financial donations, and issues facing gay people.

Chapters

00:03:01 Group Member's Concerns About Church Donations

One group member worries they are not contributing enough when meeting at the Unitarian church based on subtle hints from the minister. Other members assure her the \$1 per person covers costs, especially since church members attend the group.

00:08:52 Minister's Behavior and Differing Opinions

The group discusses concerns with the minister's friendliness tied to financial donations and disagreements over his views on homosexuality. The therapist notes typical church donation confidentiality and difficult moral questions.

00:11:18 Broader Discussion on Gay Rights Issues

Dialogue covers the motivations and goals of gay rights activism. Opinions differ on origins of homosexuality and whether biblical objections justify legal discrimination. The therapist advocates equal civil rights regardless of cause.

Koke Milton 00:09

The people that I know well, I am Herod Flipp.

Anne Milton 00:11

Well, yeah.

Koke Milton 00:15

starting with you that I was too much that day and I don't know whether you're aware that I had ever made any efforts to change, but I've visualized myself and never know.

Anne Milton 00:26

Yeah.

Koke Milton 00:27

But I haven't reached the point where I've lost people, so maybe that means I haven't done enough.

Anne Milton 00:32

but you heaven and all that stuff that you do, you don't really hate and hate any of these people.

Koke Milton 00:40

I know that, so it seems okay, but if you don't know that, if you want to take it and interpret it, it's just like you say, oh, I need an approval to feel that anybody who makes the smart remark is genuine, you need to tell me that you're awful, and that's devastating, and I don't feel that way about people, so I feel free to say it, but suppose they accept it that way.

Anne Milton 01:03

This is in your para.

Koke Milton 01:05

I don't know if it's a terror.

Anne Milton 01:07

the Unitarian Minister and I'm going to get it, but he told me that I'm always running myself down so that people will give me compliments, or maybe I am like that, I don't know.

Tommy Patterson 01:24

Is that his job to lay that on you? I thought that was our job.

Koke Milton 01:35

Yeah

Anne Milton 01:37

But, do I be there? Do I make people say nice things about me by saying you're funny things about myself?

Koke Milton 01:49

Well, you know, you told us earlier that you feel a strong need for approval. I think that then you check for that very early, by asking the question. Well, whatever that may mean, you check that there's people's opinions.

Koke Milton 02:05

Whenever you make a statement of opinion, you usually ask where else is listening if they think the same thing or not.

Anne Milton 02:14

Well, one thing that I've kind of been wanting to iron out with you for a number of years is that you should feel content with the choices you have made because they were good choices, because you could have been much wealthier if you had made some other types of choices.

Anne Milton 02:35

Very good. And if you're making money, if you're saving it, you'd be a bit entrepreneur if you wanted to, but you had chosen to make the decisions that you didn't make, and they were good ones. But you kind of have to remind yourself of that, or people won't want me to do it, but now I can.

Anne Milton 02:58

When I said to Phil, I said,

Tommy Patterson 03:01

and the Phil and theology.

Anne Milton 03:04

Yeah, I said I feel I wonder if we're carrying our our weight We just each of us put in a dollar every time we go. I kind of wonder whether we're carrying our weight So though that was fun and I said no, I kind of worry Air conditioning and maybe I Didn't want to be sponging off of them and he said well if you feel better.

Anne Milton 03:29

I just send them a hundred dollars But I can't send them a hundred dollars Now they kind of talk I think they're disturbing don't you

Koke Milton 03:39

No.

Anne Milton 03:40

You know, what would you think about me mark like that?

Koke Milton 03:49

Well, I guess my first reaction is that it was a Jeff that I wouldn't think about much at all. Because he wasn't suggesting that you do it, only that that's what it takes for you to feel better about it.

Anne Milton 04:01

I could do that. I know that that's a possibility. I know I could send them a hundred dollars if I felt like it. But I can't. I really don't want to. I want to pay my way there and I'd rather not meet there if we're not paying enough to make it all right.

Anne Milton 04:20

And if each one of us puts, each one of us puts a dollar down on the table every week because when we used to go to Governor's State, our parking over there cost us a dollar. And I said, let's take our parking and leave it here every time if we're going to meet here.

Anne Milton 04:37

And the— Okay, this is meeting at the— At the Unitarian Church. And the Unitarian minister that preceded him was a member of our group. And she used to come out to the university and she was a definite member of our crowd.

Anne Milton 04:52

And she invited us to come there when we couldn't go to university anymore. And then she left and we all miss her. But this fella said we could come, but he never—she had to be just one of her sermons once in a while.

Anne Milton 05:09

We thought that was nice. And I asked him this day, I said, would you—I wouldn't want to be there if she was a sermon on the St. Francis of the City sometimes and said, oh, what, you can come—if you want to hear, you can come to church.

Anne Milton 05:25

And they always acted so we ought to be doing either, you know, either come to the church, be part of it, or give to it, or something like that. And I feel—I wouldn't feel uneasy if I thought that dollar was enough.

Anne Milton 05:41

And then the girl in the office always comes in, turns on the air conditioning. I'd be willing to get very low enough to air conditioning. But if each of us puts in our dollar, every time you see that we're covering our—

Tommy Patterson 05:55

It seems to me that you are, especially if nobody ever mentions anything else. If it really doesn't cover your tracts, then I think it's the church's responsibility to say, hey you guys, we have to have two dollars apiece.

Tommy Patterson 06:15

And if they're too shy to say that, then I don't think I'd worry about it.

Anne Milton 06:20

You see, we have several people in our little group that are big shots over there. Phil is the chairman of the music director. He used to be a professional...

Koke Milton 06:34

members of that church.

Anne Milton 06:36

And then McCall was the head of the building committee and running his at John LeBots. And John LeBots has a lot of money, and he can be a very generous contributor.

Tommy Patterson 06:46

Reminds me I did a call down.

Koke Milton 06:48

But, if you have Irish members as part of the group, it seems to me that in a sense you don't have to pay anything. Well, part of the community decided to do it.

Anne Milton 07:03

We just invited, when we first went there, this one woman, the minister, who was a member, said to me, can any other people come to this group? Sure, anybody that's involved is very welcome. And we have somebody named Elaine Smith, who is a member of the church.

Anne Milton 07:25

And she comes when she can, but she talked and was gone a lot of the time. But I wonder if they're betting the faith that it isn't edge under the church instead of just being our...

Koke Milton 07:42

Well, if you had nobody from the church, then you might want to ask occasionally, is this working out of paper? As long as you have church members, I think they have an obligation to their church if they feel that somebody's using it and running up expenses for them, they go beyond.

Anne Milton 07:59

Yeah, well, you have people involved and Phil is one of them.

Koke Milton 08:06

on that basis, I wouldn't worry about anything. That seems to be filthy thinking, look, this group really isn't just a church group, and it's costing us X dollars, and we're only devoting X over 2, because you all get 2.

Koke Milton 08:24

So I would stop thinking about it. I would still want to think, if you'd give \$100 if you want.

Anne Milton 08:30

Yeah, he said it would make you feel better. Why don't you just send him a hundred dollars? It's okay. But in the Monterey Hill, being a conscience -giving guy, he's just sending him a hundred dollars.

Koke Milton 08:40

Maybe you can take it yourself, if I send him \$100, would I feel better? No I wouldn't, so I won't, and then just forget. Can you do that or are you just going to worry about it?

Anne Milton 08:50

I don't like this.

Koke Milton 08:52

He is very smart. Because he... Sometimes about whether or not you can now feel comfortable without sending hundred dollars.

Anne Milton 08:57

I probably will never feel comfortable in that church.

Koke Milton 09:02

Mmm.

Anne Milton 09:04

because the minister rubs me the wrong way a little bit and especially because when I first went there he was always coming up oh how glad he was to see me and how adorable I would be come up and kiss me and act so good and then I'm not a big contributor.

Anne Milton 09:23

Now Edna started being a big contributor but she started contributing to something and so then he terribly latched her well I think that maybe he's not to be contributors. I don't know what I talked about him he puts me down about my ideas and I took him a copy of the origin of consciousness.

Koke Milton 09:47

Mm -hmm.

Tommy Patterson 09:48

Oh, the brick down the back camera, oh my. Yeah.

Anne Milton 09:50

And and he gave he said I'm not an intellectual. I don't really care about it. Give it back to me

Koke Milton 09:56

Okay, well another end of it is I don't know what the procedure is Indian Fair New Church So what I might say about donations May or may not be true there typically what you do in The churches I've been part of in the method Is that only the financial secretary who posts all the stuff knows what any members actually donate?

Koke Milton 10:23

Because you run the risk of having anybody else Make judgments about people in terms of the level they're given including the pastor We don't do that. The pastor doesn't know he may have no But the idea that he looks into the thing and is nicer to people who get more than that those who give less Under our system that wouldn't be true.

Koke Milton 10:48

I can't guarantee that but my hunches maybe that's true To another whatever he's doing is for different

Anne Milton 10:55

I have never bumped into any organization where the big contributors didn't get the preference. And that's probably the way it should be. I don't care if they get preference, they're putting the money in, they can probably shop.

Anne Milton 11:18

I'll have to get in some kind of a frame of mind about him, because he thinks I don't understand about gays coming out of the closet and things I don't understand about that. Actually, the reason the gays want to come out of the closet is to get money and political advantage.

Anne Milton 11:39

They don't want to come out there for any moral reasons, but they want everybody to know they're gay. It's because they want to get their rights, they don't care about their responsibilities. And I don't care if they're gay, and I'm glad to accept them.

Anne Milton 11:58

And that's why when people ask me, do you think that being gay is normal or abnormal, I usually say, I think it's acceptable, but deviant. That's my answer. How the hell do you answer it?

Koke Milton 12:13

I consider the question not one that is appropriate, but the real question would be whether it's a choice or something that's visited upon me. I find it very difficult to see why anybody should be denied any of the rights that something over with has no control.

Koke Milton 12:39

It might be an oblivious, hurting society that you'd have to apply some restrictions anyway, but I don't see the gay, or being gay, has any effect at all like that. It means to me it's entirely a problem, but I mean the problem, it seems to me, stems entirely with those who are against it being afraid of something in the same way that we've had people who thought blacks weren't entitled to it.

Koke Milton 13:11

Because of their skin color. We have now decided in this country that that's not appropriate. A lot of people still haven't accepted it, but my current view about homosexuals is that it should be the same way on the grounds that whatever it is that causes them to any of us to have sexual preferences of one kind or another isn't something that we sat down, thought out, and chose.

Koke Milton 13:35

That it's something to do with the way we're constructed. So the notion that they're evil because they're that way seems to me incorrect, and nobody can prove that in the case, and the evidence that I've had so far would suggest that it isn't.

Koke Milton 13:52

Whatever it is that makes what people are calling normal women prefer men, apparently makes some men prefer men sexually, to deny them any kind of civil rights for that, for that reason long seems ridiculous to me.

Koke Milton 14:11

If they were doing some kind of behavior that affected other people that make this awful, that isn't what people want to

stop. They want them to be penalized simply because they are that way. And for that reason gay or homosexual people have found that they're to hide the fact that they are homosexuals.

Koke Milton 14:32

So I'm saying that the idea of coming out of the closet, I think, is important so that the issue of whether or not they're entitled to the same rights as the rest of us, it put up the public for consideration.

Koke Milton 14:47

Many people don't believe that, that they should have the same civil rights. That's all I ask. I know you have. And some of them have as their reason that the Bible says it's wrong. And then they want to stop thinking about it.

Koke Milton 15:06

It's just clear that the Bible says that, they say, and then that's the end of it. Well, I'm not able to make that kind of determination.

Anne Milton 15:18

I'm not, but I have felt there's a right for them to be in this closet because they are saving themselves any public disapproval, but they want to get some civil rights and some money rights. They want to be able to ensure each other and to inherit from each other, and all that stuff.

Anne Milton 15:45

It has nothing to do with anything moral. And I don't see any particular reason to call this out and predict if they're more comfortable in this one.

Koke Milton 15:58

Well, yeah, I don't think they would either, if they in fact got all those rights, they wouldn't have to bring it up. But the reason we bring it out is to say, isn't it fair that we have these rights, even though we're this way?

Koke Milton 16:15

Well... Well, I'm saying most of the civil rights, I don't have any trouble with them. But a major issue might be, even for those who accept that the people can't help but with them, are two people of the same same, at least physically, who would like to be married, able to have the same rights under our law about married people that men and women have.

Koke Milton 16:44

And currently that's not the case, so that means that some things are denied. I think that's a difficult question. The notion of denying it on the basis of it being immoral,

Anne Milton 16:57

Wasn't that what the people were, the Bible, on a moral basis? Come down, just leave those. They'll get wrinkled if I don't... Oh, that's all right. I'll press them on the link.

Koke Milton 17:13

That's a great idea. What? That's a great idea.

Anne Milton 17:16

Nobody presses sheets. No, but I press, I just press here. I fold them up and then press them. But I'm perfectly willing to hear what you might get. In fact, I'm not... No, you are. I have an awful lot of time coming up.

Tommy Patterson 17:33

I know, but you don't—see, what you don't realize is there's going to be more. I am not washing mine or Coke. Say, Coke says his don't even need washing. He slept on top of them, and there'll be our towels.

Koke Milton 17:51

Well, I didn't say I slept on top, but I didn't say I didn't even wash it. Oh, well, so? I mean, I made me dirty on top, but I don't.

Tommy Patterson 17:59

I will.

Koke Milton 18:02

Take care.

Tommy Patterson 18:03

Take mine off in the morning just when I get up, but I am not going to get them washed. There will be towels from him and me. Oh, I guess I've washed your towel, so you have to remove another towel.

Koke Milton 18:14

Well, I don't know. I've lost everything.

Anne Milton 18:17

Take one of them down here and then you'll remember the court.

Tommy Patterson 18:20

And I forgot those towels from the kitchen, which I have gotten filthy because I've been using them, and I forgot to put those in. No, don't put those in. So there's going to be all kinds of stuff. So we quit here for a while?

Tommy Patterson 18:31

I think we might as well.